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University of Kansas

The University of Kansas was located in the city of Lawrence by formal act of the Legislature of the State, in 1864. When the Old Settlers meet to recount experiences, very naturally they speak chiefly of the more stirring events and thrilling adventures of early days; but it seems hardly too much to assert that the founding of this institution of learning has influenced as powerfully the State's weal or woe, as have some of the most tragic acts of the past. The University is located on a hill that, from the difficult ascent, reminds one very forcibly of the Hill of Knowledge. We call it Mt. Oread. From the dome of the Main Building it is possible to obtain a very fine view of the surrounding country, within a radius of twenty-five miles. It is said that Bayard Taylor, when on a visit to Kansas, praised this scenery very highly.

The University is the pride of the Historic City. Because of this pride, and on account of old associations as a student, it is difficult to deal with statistics or to set forth, with any degree of mathematical precision, the advantages of our *Alma Mater*. Suffice it then that we jot down a few facts, and leave a fuller account to others. Since the first opening of the University as a State institution, 3,275 students have been enrolled. The number in attendance, of late years, varies from four to five hundred; and the total number of graduates, from all departments, is nearly three hundred.

To the honor of the state, be it said, that Kansas State University is, and always has been, a co-educational institution. Space is too limited for any discussion of this subject here. Only let us say that none of the evils advanced so often on paper by theorists have come true. On the contrary, the experiment has long since become an established success. As the years have passed by, departments have been organized and suitable buildings

erected. At the present time, the following departments are recognized: the Department of Science, Literature and the Arts; the Department of Law; the Department of Elementary Instruction; the Department of Music; the Department of Pharmacy. The University library contains 7,100 volumes, besides a large number of unbound pamphlets. The library, although it grows but slowly, has been selected with great care, and embraces some of the best works in the departments of Language and Literature, Philosophy, History and Biography, Mathematics, Astronomy, Chemistry, Physics, Natural History, Art, Poetry, Metaphysics, Political Economy, Sociology, and so forth. One thousand dollars is set aside each year for the purchase of new books.

The students have always been noted for journalistic enterprise. The *Kansas Review*, a monthly magazine, and the *University Courier*, a weekly paper, each self-sustaining, are edited and published by associations of students. As these publications are at present conducted, each has its field of action, and is not at all detrimental to the best interests of the other. The *Courier* is bright, full of personals, and its editorials are written on topics of general interest. The *Review* is graver in its views of life, and abounds in literary contributions. Thrice have we rejoiced in Annuals—first came the *Screech Owl* or *Kikkabe*—and, by the way, there was always a difference of opinion as to the pronunciation of that word—next came the *Cyclone*, which, in a measure, fulfilled the promise of its name. Last but not least, came the *Cicada*. During the past year, three fraternity magazines have been entrusted to Kansas chapters for publication, and this year, a fourth is added to the list, which now reads as follows: the *Arrow* of I. C. Sorosis; the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi; the *Sigma Nu Delta*; the *KAPPA ALPHA THETA*.

Snow Hall, now rapidly nearing completion, receives a large share of the visitor's attention. Let us quote an accurate description. "An appropriation of \$50,000 was made by the Legislature in March, 1885, for the erection on the grounds of the University, of a building for the use of the Department of Natural History. This building is now in process of erection. It is most suitably located, about 200 feet west of the center of the main building, facing the north. In full view of West Lawrence, of good architectural proportions, faced with Cottonwood stone, it will add its full share to the beauty of the University buildings destined to crown Mount Oread."

"Snow Hall is 110 feet in length by 100 feet wide, is provided with ample basement almost entirely above ground, two stories of 16 and 16 feet respectively, and an attic of 12 feet. Its show rooms are designed to make complete display of the various cabinets in Zoology, Geology and Botany, and its laboratories are so related to the various cabinets as to secure the utmost convenience. The lecture room, extending through the basement and first story and arranged in amphitheater style, will accommodate 200 students. This building, finished and furnished with the best appliances

for investigation and instruction in Natural History, will add materially to the educational advantages offered by the University. To attempt any account of the cabinet collections now ready to be moved to Snow Hall would be almost impossible. The collections, however, are very fine and contain upwards of 150,000 specimens, illustrating chiefly the Departments of Botany, Zoology and Geology. The collection of insects attracts a great deal of notice, being second in college collections only to Harvard."

Had we time we might speak of the chemistry building as perfect in its way as Snow Hall. At a session of the last meeting of the National Teachers' Association, held only a few miles, comparatively speaking, from the University, an interesting discussion in regard to the relative educational value of the Classics and Science was held. Western people are less conservative and more easily persuaded to put into practice new ideas than are they who live in older communities. The best opportunities for obtaining a scientific education have been for many years offered at Kansas University.

In regard to the Classical Department, it will be sufficient for classical students to declare that we enjoy superior advantages for the study of ancient languages and literature.

Our first term opens with a much larger attendance than was anticipated. Notwithstanding the fact that the standard of admission has been raised, thus leaving only one sub-Freshman class, a larger number of students are already in attendance than were enrolled during all of last year. All indications seem to point to an increasing prosperity for K. S. U.

ALUMNA.

History of Lambda.

Here am I, a timid, ignorant, little "Fresh," detailed—nay, sternly commanded "to narrate in, a light, interesting manner, the uneventful history of our chapter," for the edification and instruction of a crowd of sisters with whom I have not yet had time to become acquainted. It is very embarrassing; and, besides, what is a poor Freshman expected to know about the past history of—anything?

Well, this much I have discovered and brought to light from the mysterious depths of—I won't tell where, for it's a secret, and it has been duly impressed upon me that the secrets of the society must not be "divulged." I have found that, during the year of 1880-81, the members of the A P, a local ladies' fraternity in the University of Vermont, were urgently

requested to resolve themselves into a chapter of the Kappa Kappa Gamma society; but upon consideration of the matter, and through the influence of Bloomington, Indiana, chapter, they were convinced of the superiority of Kappa Alpha Theta over her rival, and instead became a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta; the active members of the A P society joining as regular members, and the others as honorary members. Lambda received the charter, admitting her into the Kappa Alpha Theta society, April, 1881.

The chapter was established with eight members; they, at first, held their mystic meetings in the ladies' reading room at the college building. But in the spring of the next year, the girls, increased by this time to eleven, secured the parlors of a staid, old couple for one evening in the week, and though but a private parlor, its four walls guarded their secrets as jealously as though it were, indeed, a regular Theta hall. And, at last, in the fall of 1884, the "Kats," after many "seas of troubles," found their haven in a hall—all their own (at least as long as they kept the rent paid).

A description of this, our hall, was given you a short time ago, so I will not say more than that it has been the scene of many happy, merry hours, and that it is loved by us all as a real home. On account of its associations we shall be sorry to leave our hall to other tenants who will regard it with less reverence; but we have a chance to exchange it for a better one, such as we may never have again. There is a new block going up in the heart of the city in which we are offered a very desirable apartment for a hall, to be made expressly for us and just as we may order. We are engaged now in the delightful occupation of planning how everything is to be made, and are perfectly sure that our new hall will be a model of what a Kappa Alpha Theta hall should be. After it is all completed we will write you such a description of it as will make you all either furiously envious or unselfishly delighted at our good fortune—whichever is in accordance with your respective tempers.

B.

College Friendship.

Response to a toast delivered at the Alumni Banquet, Lawrence, Kas., June 8, 1886.

"Days that are past seem the brightest," and our college days the happiest of all. Full of youthful vigor, warm-hearted, care-free, we enjoyed the hours as they fled. Nothing is dearer to our hearts than our college associations. "Fed from the mystic springs of long ago" the sweet waters of early recollection break forth and almost overwhelm us in their tumultuous confusion of pleasures and disappointments, successes and failures, friendships made, and some alas, broken.

Our first entrance into college life seems now almost mythical in its hero worship of those in authority, and its fanciful adoration of gods and goddesses whom a year's acquaintance prove made of ordinary clay like ourselves. To be sure rivalries and enmities existed, as they do exist in all college experiences, even in the *banner* classes, which we *each* represent; but how insignificant they seem now when we look back upon them. Time has alternately scattered the snow flakes and rose leaves over the uneven surface of college affiliations, until we can all stand upon a common plane, greet heartily the faces familiar in the dear old halls, and grasp fervently an outstretched hand, which, in college days, perchance we touched but lightly.

College friendship, of course, does not include college flirtations. The Apollos and Acanthas dare not tread upon such sacred ground. There is always a knight with a bold, black eye, and a girl who throws you a glance as she passes by, *et cetera*; but *you*, gentlemen, were never such knights and *we* were never such girls. Oh, no!

"You never said our eyes were bright,
And left those eyes to weep;
You never won our virgin hearts,
And left those hearts to break."

Possibly, however, the fault was not entirely your own, as one lesson, which we had early and thoroughly learned, was the inconstancy of man. We were fully prepared to allow no tears to dim the brightness of our eyes or vows unfulfilled to crush our tender hearts.

The members of this association are still young, but the time will come when the bonnie brown locks will be streaked with gray, the firm, steady step become uncertain. Perhaps you will be present on an occasion like this and look with stranger eyes upon the scenes in which you once took part, clasping hands which greet you only through the medium of Alma Mater. Longing for something more you will scan the tables filled with younger men and maidens, you will search the laughing, chattering groups, you will wander up and down the long hall. May your object be attained. "God grant you find one face there you loved when all was young."

While we are joyous and happy here together, let us not forget to pay tribute to those absent ones who would fain be with us and join in the hearty comradeship for which this assembly has gathered. Soon we, too, shall be scattered from the "dark, rolling clouds of the North, to the sunny lands of the South, where the birds never cease to sing their matin songs or twitter their vesper prayers." But wherever we are, we shall be bound by the colors of our college and by the still more sacred insignia of our friendship. And when for us the sands of time have run their course, when at sunset the drum calls us together for the grand review, we will muster proudly beneath the banner which means so much to each of us, and, drawn up in line, shoulder to shoulder, will give three long cheers for

our Alma Mater—and one cheer, longer and louder than the rest, for the glorious union of sympathy and feeling which has touched us all and made us kin.

May the “blue and gold” of Kansas ever float from her minarets as joyously as now, and may her sons and daughters ever be as proud of her as they are to-night. For us, let all be forgotten—all save the dear, old friendship. *That* shall grow older and dearer. KAPPA.

Why Secret?

Very few, if any, organizations exist which do not necessarily have some secrecy connected with them. Certain things naturally exist and take place within them which are nobody's business outside the organization, and consequently are wisely kept secret. Just how much secrecy ought to cluster around the mystic chapter-hall of a fraternity, or just where the line between what ought to be secret and what ought not should be drawn, we will not venture to discuss minutely, since so many conditions and circumstances widely differing from each other surround the many institutions of learning at which secret societies flourish that it is utterly impossible to lay down any absolute rule or law which can be carried out universally, harmoniously and without more or less friction. If we were called upon, however, to give a general rule by which chapters can be guided, we would say that our experience and meagre judgment unite in commending the following as essentially secret:

The initiation ceremony, the description of the badge, coat of arms, and paraphernalia, the signs of recognition, the key word, pass word, mode of entering the hall, meetings and minutes. About these there can be no question. They are emphatically the business of no one except those whom they personally concern, and consequently no one should wish nor have the audacity to pry into them. These, we own, are not the foundations, nor the pillars on which a fraternity rests, but they are the beams which keep it together; the water-proof, fire-proof roofing which shelter it; yea, even the lightning rods, which protect it from the so intended thunder-bolts which some otherwise good men try to hurl against them with such force as to shatter them.

It will be readily seen that many of the things which fraternities hold as sacredly secret have been omitted in the above summary, for the reason that we question the propriety of keeping them secret. We have not the space nor the time to discuss them all in this article; consequently we will

limit ourselves to but one of them, namely: "The principles on which the fraternity rests." Why secret?

This now is coming to the very foundation of fraternity, and we are well aware that in many instances we are treading on sacred soil. However, we mean to tread softly and wish to be so understood. When men are sure that the foundations on which a beautiful structure is built are firm and abiding, they have no question regarding the safety of the structure as a whole. They are content to let it stand unmolested. But if the foundations are purposely and ingeniously concealed and cautiously guarded, the human disposition is such that men cannot let it alone, but must continually dig about it, pick at it until, tired of the slow progress they are making, they put under it the dynamite of supposition and apply the spark of premature, unfounded, unwarranted conclusions, and in their opinion away goes foundation, building and all. This process men have been eager to pursue with regard to fraternities, but we are glad to say that never yet has the result proved as disastrous as they have desired. Every fraternity has, or should have, principles, underlying it and supporting it, of which it may well be proud, and if their opponents were allowed to see them and read them they would be struck as dumb and silent as the Sphinx.

But there would be other advantages in having the principles of fraternities known. Thoughtful and discreet young men are entering our colleges continually, who are sure to wield a powerful influence either for or against fraternity, and when they are solicited for membership, their first question invariably is: "What principles do you advocate?" Such men will not be convinced by being told that fraternities advocate "grand and noble principles," for they justly argue that anything that is "grand and noble" should not be so extremely secret as to be hid from them until by a solemn obligation they are shorn of free choice in the matter and must accept them as inevitably the guide and rule of their fraternal fellowship, whether they are congenial to their taste or compatible with their sense of the "grand and noble" or not. But if the principles were given and explained to them they could exercise their own deliberate choice, and then would be all the more loyal because they made their own selection. Men who are obtained by the mere asking, without ever thinking, are not the most desirable ones, no matter if in many respects they stand high. Thinking men make the best fraternity men, though not always do fraternity men make the best thinkers. And if the principles of two or three rival fraternities are spread before a man it will try his judgment, and when he chooses between them he will evermore stand by his choice and no power on earth can shake him. This method would at once and forever answer that oft-repeated question, "Have Greek fraternities a right to exist?" for no one would be able to question or oppose the high moral principles which form the eternal foundations upon which they rest.

It would be a great check upon chapters and individual members if all

knew what every fraternity followed as its standard. The college community would watch every fraternity man and see whether he fulfilled their claim. The men themselves would know that the eyes of all are upon them, and thus their moral character and manly bearing would be of a far higher grade than they often now are. This method would require each chapter to keep up its standard in morals, sociability, and intellectuality. For if it did not it would soon die, as it justly should, because men, noble, worthy men would not stoop to unite themselves with a number of unprincipled, reckless men who are a reproach to the badge they wear and a mere burlesque on the principles they advocate. In other words, it would raise the true standard of fraternity to an unquestionable place in the college, and obviate the fear that sister chapters are, under the same principles as your own, living and perhaps numerically flourishing on a plane of morality far beneath that of your own chapter. It would be a safeguard to the fraternity, the chapter the individual members, and the college. All these could plainly see that fraternity does make men better and nobler and purer. Many a worthy fraternity has been brought into serious disrepute by one disloyal chapter or perhaps by several members in a chapter. And why? Simply because no one knew the principles which the fraternity laid down for the chapter to follow, and consequently judged from their disloyalty that that fraternity at least is a hot bed of vice and excess. We believe that the best and most effective way to clear the fraternities of this serious kind of reproach is to make their principles public, and thus throw the responsibilities on chapters, and they, in turn, on the individual members who are guilty of so base a crime. It will be plainly seen that we have virtually admitted that there are some men in fraternity who are not worthy of being there, and whose past life, and perhaps their present standing, rise up and condemn them. We are not so bigoted nor prejudiced as to think all the wearers of the Maltese cross are most worthy and honorable men. Would that they were! Let him who reads this ask himself the question: "In what light would I stand were the principles of Alpha Tau Omega made public?" And should any one ask us why, if we know of such men in the fraternity, we do not see that they are expelled, we answer; for the same reason that men known to be disloyal to the church or any other beneficent organization are allowed to stand. It is against such men that we wish our noble principles, made public, could stand as their judges.

We believe, therefore, that the best safeguard and highest surety of a fraternity is to unfurl its banner to the public inscribed with the principles it advocates. We know that many fraternities would have to reconstruct and revolutionize their whole system before this could be done, but Alpha Tau Omega could do so without a single change in her ritual, and we hope that the day is not far distant when men will be drawn to her, not by the "badge" and "dandy crowd," etc., but by her noble, sublime, and eternal principles.—*Alpha Tau Omega Palm.*

Editorial.

THIS number begins the second volume of KAPPA ALPHA THETA. We had hoped that those who had so successfully carried our journal through the dangers and difficulties of the terrible first year would have remained to complete the term allotted to Kappa chapter. With the skill they had gained in the trying school of experience, with the steady improvement noticeable from one number to another, there was much more likelihood of one quarterly, under their management, reaching our ideal than there could be in leaving it, still in its infancy, again in untried hands. But there is a limit to human endurance. Our long-suffering ex-editors have risen in a body and decamped from the city—as if in fear of being again pressed into service. We are keenly alive to the responsibilities of our position and we accepted them with hesitation, but since the die is cast, we shall summon all our fortitude and positively refrain from any casual remark that the most malignant observer might construe into an “appeal for alms,” or a “smirking desire for recognition.” We are far from commending the decision that left the KAPPA ALPHA THETA in Kappa’s hands. To some of the older chapters, whose roll-call includes the names of women capable of placing our official organ on an equality with any Greek publication, belongs the honor. It would be untrue to say that we cared nothing for the opinion of other fraternities. All loyal devotees of Theta desire everything appertaining to her to stand well in the estimation of others. But, admitting that fact, the question still is, not, What do other Greeks think of our publication? but, How far does it meet our own needs? We should desire a journal, not because other fraternities have them, but that it may prove a medium through which alumna and under-graduate, chapter and chapter may be more closely bound together, thus promoting that perfect union which is essential to our highest development. To this end we ask the assistance and support of every chapter, every Theta.

VOLUME II. should have begun in June. In explanation, we would say to some of our esteemed cotemporaries, that the KAPPA ALPHA THETA met some of “the things that they met on their pilgrimage road”—and she is very sure that she hopes never to meet them again. On account of the cloud of financial embarrassment that hung over us, no effort was made to

issue the promised number—not even the editorial staff was appointed until Commencement festivities had raised our spirits somewhat from the depths to which they had been lowered. Said embarrassment was entirely owing to the delinquency of some two or three chapters, the rest having promptly and cheerfully sent both the contributions of their pens and the contents of their purses. It is only fair to state that ensuing events prove that negligence, not indigence, was the cause of trouble. The delinquents have since sent payments in full. Probably in more experienced hands the difficulty could have been altogether avoided. However, if the fraternity was defrauded of the journal, it received a wholesome lesson in the “thief of time” doctrine. Kappa, with a holy horror of debt and a laudable determination not to pamper any one with luxuries “on credit,” rose in her wrath, shut up her pocket-book, and sternly stated: “No money, no magazine.” In this mercenary age such a course may not have raised Theta’s reputation among other Greeks, but it was a wise policy to inaugurate. If money is forthcoming, it can come at the proper time, just as well as three months later. The fate of KAPPA ALPHA THETA is in your own hands. A word to the wise, you know; and even to those foolish virgins we hope a little hint will prove sufficient this time. Pay up.

THE most abominable feature of fraternity life is the practice familiarly known as “rushing.” The frequency with which, at the beginning of the college year this feeling is voiced, gives evidence of a decided similarity in the scenes which engender it. When, in order to have the first opportunity of presenting their respective merits, rival fraternities carry the the contest over a new student so far that it assumes the appearance of a Freshman rope-pull, but without half its dignity, then there is crying need for a complete revolution. This custom has not a single advantage to recommend it. Its effects are bad in every way. It acts injuriously alike upon student and fraternity.

To an individual firm and discreet in an unusual degree, or to one already prejudiced in favor of a certain fraternity, the wiles of the rusher are comparatively harmless and considerably amusing. Otherwise the chances are ten to one that the prepossessing newcomer will be taken into a fraternity before having had time to learn anything of the order, its history, its standing among other fraternities, the character of its members. Disappointment either to the initiate or the fraternity follows. In the first case, the new Greek will follow one of two courses. Should she prove to be the stuff of which martyrs are made, she will throw herself heart and soul into fraternity work and strive to make the chapter all it was *misrep-*

resented to her. If she is of ordinary clay she will be disgusted at the deceit practiced upon her, discouraged at the utter lack of congeniality in her surroundings, and will hold her vows in but slight regard. No enthusiasm will be aroused, not even interest awakened. Her apostasy injures not only herself, but the entire Greek world.

Of the two, the fraternity is the oftener injured. Girls who are the most "taking" upon a short acquaintance are often undesirable in the close intimacy of sisterhood. In the lottery a great many blanks are drawn, for whose presence a few prizes are not sufficient compensation. Again, the surprising amount of attention showered upon the candidates is likely to give them very erroneous ideas of their relations to the fraternity. In their newly conceived importance, the honor conferred upon them by the fraternity seems nothing in comparison to the honor conferred upon the fraternity by them. Many an unpleasant lesson is the natural sequence, weakening the bond which love for a common cause should hold most sacred.

Nor should we think lightly of the degradation to which a fraternity subjects itself by its unseemly clutching after strangers, as to whose standing, mentally, morally and socially it may be somewhat posted, but is oftener ignorant. Only personal acquaintance can develop the fact whether or no a girl will be congenial in a sisterly relation. Mind, manners and morals may be entirely unexceptionable, and yet the broad, generous nature, the quick, sympathetic heart, which is the *sine qua non* of true fraternity, may be wanting. The feeling of genuine fellowship is fostered and developed by constant association in the same society, but it is not made "to order." It cannot exist between acquaintances of a few days' standing. That it may be permanent, it must be the outgrowth of an honest respect, a sincere regard.

At some of our best colleges "rushing" is held in disrepute. It should be in all. Reform cannot be accomplished by one fraternity alone. Where the practice prevails it is well nigh impossible for the most conservative to keep wholly out of the arena. It seems an almost suicidal policy to stand back and see a rival take those who, had they been allowed time for investigation, would have sought far different altars. The only remedy for the evil lies in co-operation.

A plan intended to do away with the objectionable phases of rushing has been put in operation at Cornell. The three ladies' fraternities, K K Γ, Δ Γ and K A Θ, issue a joint circular, giving a prospectus of the three fraternities with the additional information that no invitations to join will be sent out before the close of the first session. Thus time for thorough

acquaintance is given both parties. A selection can be made without excitement and with full possession of the *facts*. The plan has much to commend it, and appears entirely feasible.

The adoption of such a plan in every college where *Theta* has unfurled the black and gold would prove the greatest advance she has ever made. In the selection of members for a ladies' fraternity, there is more need of eternal vigilance than with the masculine portion of the Greek world—more things are to be taken into consideration—a mistake is fraught with more disastrous consequences. Realizing this, let us consider long and earnestly ere we give a sister's right to her who has not *proved* herself worthy of the privilege. Throwing aside all petty jealousy and rivalry, let fraternities unite against an insidious foe that would crush out the very spirit that gave them birth. Then, indeed, will we each be true to our ideal.

WHAT has been said by letter to some of our chapters, we would like to emphasize here. The KAPPA ALPHA THETA *should* be issued the first of the month. All matter for publication should be on hand by the twentieth of the month preceding. If possible, literary contributions should be sent somewhat earlier. As to chapter letters and personals the most minute investigation fails to unearth any reason why they cannot be ready at the time stated. It is certainly no arduous task to write a letter—at least we are loath to believe we have any chapters that so consider it.

The delay presumably comes from a negligence in appointing a special correspondent, which, by the way, seems to us making much ado about nothing. We notice that some chapter letters invariably come from the hands of the corresponding secretary. Why should she not assume this as one of the duties of her office? She is by no means overburdened with work, and is selected for the business-like ability that marks a good correspondent. She would not forget when a letter was to be forthcoming, and could be privately storing away the minutiae which makes up a good gossip letter, dear to the feminine heart. Another point, the corresponding secretary would be fully posted upon what was said at former times, and hence would have an opportunity to vary the phraseology of some of the thoughts inherent in chapter letters. What a pleasing variety would result from four different versions of the opening sentences.

An exchange advises chapter correspondents to omit a mention of various kinds of pleasures, since they can be of no interest to the fraternity at large. The man who gave that direction never spent much time over the society column of a newspaper. It reminds us forcibly of the *Letter*

Writer, that advises the unhappy correspondent to make no mention of *himself*. We are glad to receive more than a bare report of numbers and work. We enjoy the communications that spring from a consciousness on the part of the writer, that the girls will find a letter giving the best possible view of their college life very readable. Who is so base as to be unmoved at the mention of a real Theta spread? Cannot our hearts follow Iota through every course of her reunion breakfast? Do we not see the merry faces, smile at the joyous laugh, and echo the half-stifled sigh that arises at thought of the farewells so soon to be said? Do we not know how carefully the little souvenir of a pleasure gone, and for some never to be repeated, is laid away among other relics of college life? Let us hear of the pleasures, by all means.

It is one of the blessings of having a small number of chapters that we can pay attention to all. Whatever you have to say, we will be glad to hear, only say it *on time*. At this season of the year, perhaps, there is the shadow of an excuse for delay, as many of our colleges do not open before the latter part of September, and chapter work is in consequence rather neglected; but let each chapter see that all contributions for the next issue reach the editorial table by the twentieth of December.

FRATERNITY publications seem to have made a decided move Kansasward. *The Shield*, *Arrow* and KAPPA ALPHA THETA have been upon the scene for a year past, and now a fourth makes appearance. We are glad to welcome the Sigma Nu *Delta* in our midst, and have no doubt but that, under the able board of editors to which it has been assigned, success will crown its efforts.

SEND all communications for the KAPPA ALPHA THETA to Mary E. Wilder, 1220 Ohio Street, Lawrence, Kansas.

We call your attention to the above notice, already been given elsewhere. In the past a great deal of annoyance has been caused by contributions and exchanges being sent to any one having connection with the Journal. You will save us much time and trouble by sending all communications to one address.

Exchanges.

We have read the commencement number of the *Key*. The sublime audacity which devotes three precious columns to a tirade over a statement in the KAPPA ALPHA THETA, existing solely in the *imagination* of the presiding genius of the *Key*, is equalled only by the flippancy characteristic of her exchange department. So far from having any designs upon the *Key's* coiffure, if she deigns to indulge in any such feminine luxury, we would be glad to laugh over the article, as we have done with some of the proceeding ones, were not the humor so evidently forced as to render even a smile an exertion. The entire article is too unscrupulous for us to waste any time over. We gladly adhere to the promise our predecessor made for us, and give the *Key* the privilege to which her garrulity entitles her—the last word.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* announces in its April number the near completion of the fraternity catalogue, the material for which has all been gathered after many years of diligent research. Specimen pages of the catalogue are given. The membership of the fraternity numbers over 9000. Reviews and notices of books written by D. K. E.'s make a most creditable showing for the fraternity's work in the literary world. The number of *literati* on Delta Kappa Epsilon's rolls is something surprising, even to the editor of the *Quarterly*. A short article on "Good Fellows" contains an excellent thought, perhaps as applicable to ladies fraternities as to those of their brothers. There is scarcely an equivalent for the expressive phrase "good fellow" in the lexicon of "girlhood," nor will the idea of the phrase exactly apply to us. Still we have something quite akin to "good fellowship." The writer of the article mentioned, quotes a remark of Bayard Taylor, at a Delta Kappa Epsilon gathering one night: "Get a man with brains when you can, get a man with character always, but whomever you get, *get good fellows*". The writer adds with truth that Bayard Taylor here touched the keynote of true fraternity.

The latest number of the *I. C. Arrow* that has reached us, published in February, contains an excellent report of the convention, a pleasant account of the "good times" the I. C.'s had, the friends they made and the songs they sang at their gatherings.

"I found the *arrow* still unbroke;
And the song, from beginning to end,
I found again in the heart of a friend."

The Purple and Gold notes a raising of the standard of fraternity publications:

"We are not wrong in saying that these journals, as a unit, are laying more stress on literary merit, and less on the bickerings and innuendoes, so prominent in the less cultured days. The fraternity magazine now has a higher aim. A lifting of the moral tone and an increased literary finish; together with a growing manliness in rivalry—these are the signs of the times impressed on us by the year."

Is it not true that this improvement is largely due to the fact that most fraternity journals are now published to the world and not merely to the members of the fraternity? If a magazine is to be scanned by outsiders there will be closer criticism of its pages, and consequently more care will be taken in its preparation. *The Purple and Gold* in speaking of the exchange system says:

"There is a certain pleasure—sometimes a very grim satisfaction—in seeing 'ourselves as others see us.' While if what we read be not pleasurable, it may, and often will be corrective and profitable. The fraternity system, also, is continually advancing. It is not so old that improvements are impossible. Nor do these improvements all emanate from one fraternity, or a half dozen. Hints derived from the customs of the different orders are of inestimable value. Finally there is a narrowness in selection. All fraternities have their petty conceits, for which there is no better medicine than a careful reading of the best and most impartial of these magazines; and a perusal of them will not only lessen any narrowness that may exist, but will also broaden one's views of the magnitude of the system of fraternities."

The present year is a prosperous one in Ohio Gamma's history. Everything is progressive and harmonious. Actuated by the true Phi spirit, our members are ever zealous in advancing the highest interests of our chapter. We now enroll a dozen active members, representing the highest scholarship in the University. Five members have been added this year, all of whom give evidence of proving genuine Phis. The Ohio University is noted for its high grade of scholarship, and our aim is to select only such men as give promise of good scholarship and true manhood. Brains and character constitute a student's passport to the privileges of Ohio Gamma.

Fraternity circles here have been slightly moved by the action of a recent Convention of Kappa Alpha Theta in withdrawing the charter from Zeta Chapter of the Ohio University. The action occasioned all the more surprise from the high standing of the young ladies composing Zeta Chapter. This chapter, like the Ohio Gamma, was considered an honor to the University, as it was composed of ladies of the highest intelligence and culture. Their work in the University was at all times of the most satisfactory nature. It seems strange that the convention should in so summary a manner withdraw the charter from a chapter that for character and intelligence had no rival in the Theta fraternity. It is your reporter's unbiased opinion that Zeta Chapter of the Ohio University represents more thorough scholarship and genuine womanly worth than the whole Wooster Convention. This is not a quarrel of the Phis, but we at all times are warmly in favor of fairness in all things, and cannot but denounce the action of the Wooster Convention. We have heard it intimated that the Thetas do not wish chapters in "obscure" colleges. If the Ohio University is regarded as an "obscure" college by the young ladies composing the Theta fraternity, it argues a lamentable ignorance of college matters on their part.

Several of our members, besides the delegates, will attend the Delta Province Convention to be held at Delaware in May.

March 18, 1886.

ALBERT LEONARD.

At a regular meeting of this chapter, held in Phi Delta Theta Hall, Saturday March 6, a committee of three was appointed to draft appropriate resolutions in regard to the alleged withdrawal of the charter of Zeta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, of this University.

The recent Wooster Convention of the Thetas decided that this chapter of "girls" was not good enough to be classed with the other "girls" for some reason unknown to or imagined by sensible Greeks. The only necessity for this absurd and inexcusable action, grows out of the fertile imagination of some of the Eastern "grand ladies" and the important delegate from the little Cornell bakers' dozen chapter.

The committee reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were enthusiastically and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The recent national convention of the thirteen chapters of the Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity has withdrawn the charter from Zeta chapter, and,

Whereas, The charter was removed without any previous intimation whatever being given to the accused chapter, and in *direct violation* of all the recognized laws of deliberative assemblies, and,

Whereas, The Greek world does not recognize such partisan, revolutionary measures as subject to obedience and in accordance with the proper fraternal spirit; and,

Whereas, The active members and the alumnae of Zeta chapter are now and have always been in high standing, and are well-known as ladies of superior culture and intellectual ability;

Therefore, be it resolved by Gamma Chapter of Phi Delta Theta, That the remaining chapters composing the other branch of Kappa Alpha Theta are to be commiserated in the loss of so important a chapter; and, be it further

Resolved, That Gamma Chapter of Phi Delta Theta advises Zeta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta to reorganize as Alpha Chapter; to sever all connection with the other branch, and to assume the power to issue charters to other applying institutions, and to establish a fraternity journal.

W. E. BUNDY,

E. A. DENT,

W. W. MARTIN,

Committee.

The above, published in the April number of the Phi Delta Theta *Scroll*, caused quite as much surprise to Kappa Alpha Theta as the alleged withdrawal of Zeta chapter of our fraternity could possibly have done to the devoted Phis of Ohio University. We had supposed that this was not a "Phi quarrel;" but finding ourselves "lamentably ignorant" upon this point of fraternity courtesy, we too, desire "fairness in all things," and beg that matters be published as they are, not as they are imagined to be!

We resent the ungallant remarks made concerning the young ladies who composed the Wooster Convention, and suggest that, perhaps, the editor was not entirely unbiassed in his opinion. He certainly was not acquainted with the "girls," the "grand ladies from the East," or the "important delegate from the little Cornell bakers' dozen chapter"—which chapter, by the way, according to the generally accepted arithmetic of the baker and the letter published above, contains just one more member than Ohio Gamma of Phi Delta Theta. We will solicit the presence of Messrs. Leonard, Bundy and Martin with their knitting at the next general meeting of Kappa Alpha Theta, and, perhaps, with their assistance we may be able to conduct a thoroughly legal meeting.

In the first place, the gentlemen in question have received very erroneous ideas of the action of the convention. At this we are not surprised, as the young ladies would hardly have given a full report of proceedings even to such devoted champions as the Phis of Athens. We heartily endorse the highest encomiums which the Phis can bestow upon the Kappa Alpha Thetas of Ohio University, and have no doubt that "this chapter,

like the Ohio Gamma, was considered an honor to the University." The convention was greatly pleased with the representatives from Athens, and holds them still in the highest regard; but if for many reasons, it did not think best to maintain the chapter at Ohio University, it was reasonable to suppose that the affairs of Kappa Alpha Theta might be conducted without interference from other fraternities.

We are glad that the Phi Delta Thetas even allow us to be recognized as a "branch." Although the "absurd and inexcusable" action of the "branch" cannot be explained here, we would like to say that the accusations published in the *Scroll* as to our revolutionary and unconstitutional measures are unjustifiable and most certainly uncalled for.

We do not hold the Phi Delta Theta fraternity responsible for the action taken by a single chapter, albeit the record of such action appeared in the official organ of the fraternity. But,

Whereas, The Ohio Gamma chapter of Phi Delta Theta at its regular meeting held in Phi Delta Theta Hall, Saturday, March 6, 1886, most officiously denounced the action of the recent convention of Kappa Alpha Theta, and,

Whereas, The interference of said chapter is unconstitutional, according to our interpretation of the fraternity world's unwritten law;

Therefore, be it resolved, That the "remaining chapters composing the other branch" maintain their organization, and be it further

Resolved, That the "other branch" advise Gamma chapter of Phi Delta Theta to curb its chivalric spirit, attend to Delta affairs, and assume the power to dictate to *applying* conventions *only*.

Issue nine, the closing number of the sixth volume of *The Shield*, greets us cheerily. Well sustained in all its departments, it makes, indeed, a very readable magazine, and shows push and zeal in its editors, who have not only sustained but heightened its prominence in fraternity journalism—a position which we hope may be perpetuated in the future, "even as the mountains 'round about Jerusalem." The prominence and character of its chapter letters is especially commendable.

A short article on Lavender and Pink, condemns the Phi Kappa Psi colors on account of their paleness and the difficulty of procuring shades that harmonize; recommending the substitution of colors more decided and brilliant.

The Delta Gamma *Anchora* continues to find its way to our exchange table. That the magazine has the right impetus is manifest by the large amount of interesting matter stowed into its neatly arranged pages. Among several very creditable articles in the literary department, we note an excellent sketch of Dr. Schliemann and his Works.

We are indebted to the editors for a copy of the Manual of Phi Delta Theta, compiled by Walter B. Palmer. About half its pages are taken up by articles upon the history of Phi Delta Theta and its prominent members, interesting chiefly to Phi Delts. The remainder of the volume is devoted to statistics of fraternities and colleges, and the information contained therein is certainly valuable to any fraternity. It is a neat, compact volume, of about sixty pages, bound either in paper or cloth. Price of paper bound edition, postpaid, thirty cents; cloth, fifty cents. Sold to any person whether a member of Phi Delta Theta or not.

Following this comes the *Songs of Phi Delta Theta*, the handsomest fraternity song book we ever remember of seeing. The book is typographically perfect, and is beautifully bound in the fraternity colors — silver and blue. The collection comprises about one hundred songs, fourteen of which are set to original music. Only the original music is printed, reference being made for the rest to various college song books. Although many of the songs are faulty in the particulars in which young writers are generally found wanting, yet, Phi Delta Theta is fortunate in possessing a large number of songs that are far above the average fraternity ode. Many of these have received special notice. The editors are to be congratulated upon the success which has attended their labors.

Resolutions.

WHEREAS, God, in His Divine Providence, has called from our number our beloved sister, Hattie E. Ingersoll, and

WHEREAS, We realize that we have suffered a great loss; therefore be it

Resolved, That in her death Delta Chapter, Kappa Alpha Theta, has lost one of her most faithful members, a kind and devoted friend, and a loving sister whose place can never be filled and whose memory will ever be cherished, and be it

Resolved, That we tender the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy, and mourn with them the loss of a pure and noble woman.

EDITH KNEELAND,
ALTHA WATSON,
MAMIE CALDWELL,
Committee.

Fraternity Notes.

Sigma Chi has established a chapter at the Tulane University of New Orleans.

The *Beta Theta Pi* has been changed from a monthly to a quarterly magazine.

There are now seven ladies' fraternities: $\Pi B \Phi$, $K A \Theta$, $K K \Gamma$, $A \Phi$, $\Delta \Gamma$, $\Gamma \Phi B$ and $A X \Omega$.

Phi Kappa Psi is talking of making *The Shield* a bi-monthly magazine and of giving the editor a salary.

The bi-ennial convention of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity will be held in New York City, October 18 to 22.

The Rainbow chapter, at the University of Texas, refused to enter Delta Tau Delta and joined Phi Delta Theta.

It is reported that, while a number of fraternities have entered the University of Michigan within the last few years, the real number of active fraternity chapters has not increased, since there have been as many deaths as births.—*Ex.*

The annual convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma met at Akron, Ohio, in the latter part of August. A large number of delegates were present, and the convention is said to have been one of the most successful $K K \Gamma$ ever held. The *Key* was given to the chapter at Boston University for publication.

Phi Delta Theta glories in the possession of the only lady who was ever initiated into a male Greek Letter Society. The lady in question is Miss Kate Carothers, A. B., who graduated in 1874 at the Mary Sharpe College, Winchester, Tenn., and also from the New England Conservatory of Music. Miss Carothers was elected in recognition of valuable service rendered in re-establishing the Mississippi Alpha of Phi Delta Theta at the University of Mississippi in 1881.—*Crescent.*

The Senate of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa met in Boston March 6, at the rooms of Fellows of Harvard College. Several applications for charters were received and appropriately referred. Arrangements were made for the bi-ennial meeting of the National Council at Saratoga Springs on September 1, 1886. Among those present were Edward Everett Hale, Thomas Wentworth Higginson, O. B. Frothingham, President Francis A. Walker, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Prof. F. R. Nash of Hobart, and Adolph Werner of New York College.

Chapter Correspondence

ALPHA.

De Pauw University, Greencastle, Indiana.

Alpha opens her seventeenth year with the most flattering prospects. We enter the year with twelve enthusiastic girls, all eager for the welfare of Theta. We are also fortunate in having quite a number of resident members who are just as loyal and willing to work as they were when they were active members.

Our Commencement passed off pleasantly and successfully. Several of the gentlemen's fraternities gave banquets, at which Theta was always well represented.

We expect the contest during the next three or four weeks will be a close one. But the Alpha girls have not been idle all summer, and have several good girls "on the list," out of whom we hope and expect to make good Thetas in the near future.

We are living in hopes of having a hall this year in which to hold our meetings. This is something which Alpha has needed for a long time, and we think the way is now open for obtaining it.

Our college opened September 15th, with a large number of students. We expect a pleasant and profitable year. With love to all Thetas, and best wishes for the success of the Journal, I am,

Sincerely yours in Theta,

MAE L. RIDPATH.

BETA.

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

Beta sends greetings and best wishes to each and every chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. College has opened with a larger attendance than ever before. Every thing promises prosperity for the Indiana University. The faculty has been increased by some of the most talented educators in the land; the new buildings are well adapted to their purposes; and last, but not least, the University is establishing a reputation which would be gratifying to any institution of learning. The increase in attendance being mostly in the lower classes, the material for fraternity work is abundant. Fraternity spirit is running high, as it usually does at the beginning of the college year. The contest is hot and vigorous on all sides. Our girls are working in perfect harmony, and as that is a forerunner of success

in fraternity work, we have no thought of failure. Our chapter is already so large that it is not necessary, or even advisable, that we increase it very much. Being thus situated there is no need for us to make the usual "fraternity rush." Thus we can afford to be very careful in making selections, which is most essential for the welfare of a fraternity. It is so early yet that we can report nothing definite, but Beta "*can* where she *will*," so we hope to give you satisfactory news of the present contest in our next. We have not as yet decided upon our year's work, but think we have under consideration a plan that is most perfectly adapted to fraternity work. Although we sometimes indulge in "the ways that are dark and tricks that are vain," we hope never to lose sight of the pure and lofty object of the founders of Kappa Alpha Theta. On the first Friday evening of the year, our girls, numbering nineteen, met with "a trip and a hearty grip" in the parlors of one of our sisters. Every one was filled with enthusiasm for Theta. Our University has taken such a boom that every one is exhilarated. The Greek World is bound to grow, and Theta will retain her old well deserved place. Our only rival, K K Γ, is aroused as it usually is when college opens and, as there are so many new girls, its numbers will probably be considerably increased. The Barb element continues to grow in numbers, but we consider this propitious for the Greek World, as it shows it to be becoming more exclusive.

We have but one Senior this year, but what we lack in "quantity we gain in quality." She is justly considered one of the best students in the class. Of our two Preps. of 86, one, Mattie East, took first honors. Our girls are all found among the best students of the I. U. In fact they are quite a nice set of girls. Jolly "as the day is long" at times, but not lacking in dignity when the occasion demands. Long may the "Black and Gold" flourish! High may be the ascent of the Kite! Beta sends her hearty support to the journal. Yours most cordially,

EMMA BAINE.

DELTA.

Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill.

Once more we are in college halls and I take for granted that you will be glad to hear from Delta.

Last Spring term was very pleasant for us. Allie Watson, one of our members, gave a reception to the K K Γ's and K A Θ's and their gentlemen friends at her lovely home in this city. On Commencement night we undergraduates gave a banquet in honor of our five Seniors. It was a very pleasant affair, though there was a tinge of sadness at the thought of losing our girls.

Although we spent a very pleasant summer, some of us at the lakes, others at their homes, still it seems very good to be back and meet our college friends once more.

We are in a flourishing condition this year. At present we have ten active members—three seniors, one junior, two sophomores and four freshmen—and one pledged member. We still have our hall in the college building—and expect to spend there many happy Friday afternoons during this year. We have as yet no set plan of work but are considering one.

We were very pleasantly surprised to-day to receive a visit from Miss Hanna from Wooster. It was a pleasure to meet a sister from another chapter and hear directly of their work and prospects. Would that we could meet oftener!

Delta sends much love to all chapters. Yours in K A Θ,

MATTIE MYERS.

EPSILON.

Wooster University, Wooster, Ohio.

Epsilon begins her work under unusually bright auspices this year—all but two of our members being with us again. Each girl is more enthusiastic than ever, and willing to do her part in “rushing,” “spiking,” or “bidding.”

Many very pleasant girls have entered college this fall, so there is no lack of material, but that makes it only the more necessary for us to be cautious and careful to take in only those who will be congenial.

We have already had one social entertainment—a little reception at the home of Mrs. Clemens, one of our *alumnæ* members, to which were invited many new girls. Though stormy and rainy without, it was delightful within, and a very enjoyable evening was spent in social intercourse, interspersed with music and refreshments.

We are sorry to say that Miss Janet Henderson, with whom most of the chapters are acquainted through correspondence, has gone to Painesville Seminary to spend the next two years. Miss Nellie Roland, one of our brightest and most enthusiastic members, has not returned, but we hope to have her with us next term. We are having a delightful visit from Miss Flora Yocum of Greencastle, Ind. She is a true daughter of Theta, and her presence has been an incentive to us in our work.

We have had no initiations as yet, but soon the goat will be let loose, and by the first of October a number of new names will be added to Epsilon's roll. Our literary work has not been planned for the coming year, but whatever we do will be profitable.

Wishing each chapter unlimited success during the year '87, we are
Yours in Theta, A. M. B.

IOTA.

Cornell College, Ithaca, N. Y.

Iota chapter was quite overwhelmed with the honors won by her two graduating members of the class of '86,—Miss Anna M. Paddock and Miss Eva A. Smith. Miss Paddock was elected member of Phi Beta Kappa; she graduated with honors for general excellence; she was one of the six speakers chosen to appear before the audience on commencement day; and her disquisition entitled "*Is Hawthorn a True Delineator of Puritan New England,*" was one of the most attractive features of the commencement exercises. Miss Paddock was also elected class essayist, and her essay, in which she compared the class day of the past with the class day of the present, was exceedingly interesting. Miss Smith won the distinction of being one of the three best students in an exceptionally good class of eighty-five members; she graduated with general honors, and her thesis on *Secularization of Education* received honorable mention in the commencement programme.

Our reunion breakfast, given in the chapter room at eleven o'clock Monday morning of commencement week, proved to be one of the most enjoyable experiences in the history of Iota chapter. We numbered twenty-one in all. There were ten of our alumni present, two of whom were our charter members. A great deal of earnestness and deep feeling was evinced in the toasts and speeches. Miss Roberts, class of '80, superintended the arrangement of the tables, which presented a very attractive appearance. The *menu* left nothing to be desired and did great credit to Miss Roberts and her assistants. At each plate was placed an elegant little souvenir, made of black velvet and gold, bearing the name of the person who was to occupy the corresponding seat. These cards were the work of Miss Boulton of '85.

The relations of K A Θ with her sister fraternities at Cornell are very amicable and gratifying. This year each of the three fraternities, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma, appointed two members for a committee which should meet and talk over freely those matters which are of interest to all of the ladies' societies at Cornell. The results of this arrangement have proved to be very important. This year there will be a joint circular sent to each freshman girl, in which a brief description of each of the ladies' secret societies in our University is given, and, best of all, in which notice is given that none of the three fraternities will extend any invitation to join before the last week of the fall Trimester. The advantages of this step are obvious. The new girls will have opportunity to become acquainted with each society and the societies can take their leisure in becoming acquainted with the freshmen. Thus we hope to obviate all necessity for rushing, which the best women of our University find very distasteful and in a sense degrading.

KAPPA.

University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

The girls of Kappa chapter feel that they have great cause for rejoicing. Although we lost several of our best and oldest members last year and were rather weak in numbers and experience at the beginning of this term, still we were so well reinforced by our alumnae and visiting members that we scarcely realized that our active chapter was only seven strong.

We came back full of enthusiasm and proceeded with a will to the refilling of our ranks. In this we were quite successful. Five new girls now wear the badge of Kappa Alpha Theta, and two others the colors. Candor compels us to admit the startling fact that, for the first time in the history of Kappa chapter, we were refused for the I. C's. Our new girls, of whom we are very proud, are Jean Anderson, Alice Cummings, Mildred Pickard, Stella Overton and Sydney Daley. Another of our old members has returned, making our active chapter number thirteen. The season has opened for us quite gaily. We have had a "spread" after each of our initiations. Miss Kate Wilder celebrated her birthday and the initiation of three of the girls by a delightful tea party September 18, and made happy eighteen Thetas. Two weeks later the girls invited their gentlemen friends to a picnic. Of course it rained. But, nothing daunted, we gathered up gossamers and umbrellas and started forth. A merrier, noisier crowd would have been hard to find. Fortunately for us the rain ceased before we reached the grove, and we soon had swings, hammocks and tennis balls in use. The afternoon passed all too quickly. Approaching darkness compelled us to turn our faces homeward, each with the feeling that the Kappa Alpha Theta picnic had been a success. Mrs. Grace Finney, one of Kappa's charter members, gave the girls a pleasant lunch party a short time before leaving for her new home in Las Vegas. She has always taken a great interest in the welfare of the fraternity, and will be much missed by the girls, who wish her all happiness in her new home.

Everything seems favorable for the success of the University. It opened this year with an unusually large number of students, even though the lowest class has been cut off, leaving now only one sub-Freshman class. The new Natural History building, Snow Hall, is nearing completion, and is already occupied. Prof. Marsh, who comes to us from Harvard to fill the chair of Literature left vacant by Prof. Spring last June, gives universal satisfaction.

Last spring was a pleasant one to K A Θ. May 7, the night following the Inter-State Oratorical Contest, the elegant home of Miss Agnes Emery presented a brilliant scene. The occasion was that of a reception, given by Kappa Alpha Theta. The house was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and the "black and gold." There were more than one hundred present, among the number several of the contestants and delegates of the Oratorical Association. We graduated two girls in '86, both of whom

brought us honor. Hattie Dunn was one of the Class Day orators. Hattie Haskill was the Valedictorian of the class.

We have decided fully upon our year's work, and although it is entirely different from anything we have ever before attempted, we think the plan is one that will give entire satisfaction. Kappa sends best wishes for the prosperity of the fraternity and of each individual chapter.

KAPPA.

LAMBDA.

University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.

Another chapter letter, the first for this college year, is due. How fast the time has flown! Our journal is now more than a year old, and Lambda votes it a success. She is anxiously awaiting the next number.

Commencement passed off pleasantly and brought honor to K A Θ. Lambda is very proud of the five young ladies who were graduated. Three of these, the Misses Christy, Isham and Babbit, were initiated into ΦΒΚ. Miss Isham we think is especially to be congratulated, as she has completed her course in three years. Miss Christy was chosen for commencement speaker. She did honor to herself and the fraternity. At the alumni dinner it was proposed that the college debt should be divided into shares of fifty dollars each, to be paid annually for five years. Kappa Alpha Theta alone, of all the fraternities, took a share. The toast given by the President to Kappa Alpha Theta showed that, although small, the act was appreciated.

The next day came the "spread!" I wish, girls, you could all have been with us. I need not say we had a jolly time. All Thetas know what a "spread" means. Miss Babbit kindly opened her home to us, as our hall was rather too small. We could not have had a pleasanter place. One of our alumnae members, who has in many ways shown her interest in Theta, provided us with cut flowers and our president contrived favors. Mrs. Owen, another alumna member, donated a very beautiful vase which will add much to our hall. Miss Hunt, whose absence we all regretted, sent us a pleasant reminder of herself—a beautiful banner worked in society colors. Eight alumnae and twelve active members were present. After some time spent in pleasant conversation, we were summoned to the dining-room, where we proved ourselves genuine Thetas. Strawberries, ice cream, etc. did not spoil our appetite for the toasts which followed. Miss Christy gave us an interesting account of the Grand Chapter meeting. Soon after, we dispersed, with feelings of sadness as we thought of the loss of our five graduates. Still we felt that, though no longer active members, they would retain their interest in K A Θ and her welfare, and would ever give her honor.

Five of our girls were among the first eight in the freshman class, three standing at the head.

Lambda sends love and hopes for a brilliant future for her sister chapters.

LAMBDA.

MU.

Alleghany College, Meadville, Pa.

As was the case last fall, our letter is to be furnished before school opens, and we must look back to Commencement time for our news. This is the pleasantest part of the year in fraternity life, as all our festivities occur at this time. We come to speak of "before Commencement" and "after Commencement," much as old veterans speak of "before," and "after" the War, although in most cases our condition is diametrically opposed to the "before" and "after" of patent medicine renown. During Commencement week there were many banquets and receptions. $\Delta T \Delta$ took the lead in the social line, giving its annual reception to the other fraternities represented here, an informal hop, and its annual Pow Wow and banquet.

There was, however, one shadow to mar the pleasure of the season, occasioned by the unexpected changes in our faculty. Three of the professors who had been longest with us would seek other fields of labor. And our preceptress, whom all the gils loved, would not welcome us back in the fall. Prof. Reid takes in Annapolis, the chair of Greek which he filled so long in Alleghany. The others remain here, but are no longer connected with our college. It will seem strange to the old students who necessarily connect the thought of Greek, Latin and Physics with the professors who have gone.

Four of our girls graduated, all with high honors. Two of our undergraduates will not return. But another of our girls retakes her place among us after a year's absence. We expect to make many improvements in our hall, and to fill it with girls who will be loyal $K A \Theta$'s and devoted to her interests. We are looking forward to our catalogue and convention and the establishment of many fine chapters. Mu sends greetings.

HARRIET REITZE.

 NU.
Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana.

The beginning of the college year has brought good fortune to Nu chapter. All our members of last year are in their places, with the exception of Katie Piatt, the last of our charter members, who graduated with '86. The fraternities seem to be rather "resting on their oars." There seems to be a tacit understanding among them to proceed slowly in making their selections of new members.

$K A \Theta$ has added one to her band, Susie Moffett, '89. We duly celebrated her advent into the Greek world by a "spread," in which a goodly number of "old" girls participated.

The college opens this year with a fuller roll than usual, and with

encouraging prospects for the future. Rev. Dr. McKey, of Georgia, has recently given \$10,000 to the college as the half endowment of a new professorship. Hanover has donned her most beautiful garb, and to lovers of hill and river views she is more charming than ever. No one can fully appreciate the beauty of Southern Indiana scenery unless seen in the autumn. Field and roadside are perfectly gorgeous with Golden Rod; the woods in their holiday apparel of crimson and gold present a picture of unparalleled beauty.

The Phi Gamma Deltas have recently moved into their new hall. Every fraternity in Hanover can now boast of its own "frat. homé." Had I time and space and was not afraid of boring you with old news, I might tell you of the Beta banquet, the Phi Delta Theta banquet, Sigma Chi reunion banquet, Kappa Alpha Theta picnic and, particularly, the Pan Hellenic reception last spring. As it is I will content myself with merely mentioning them, and will close with best wishes from Nu for a prosperous and happy year.

NU.

THETA.

Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.

Theta chapter again cheerfully responds to the call for a letter for the KAPPA ALPHA THETA. Our girls are again assembled eager and ready to perform the work before them, especially that which concerns the fraternity. Last year was a very prosperous one for us, and our prospects for the future are good. We begin with ten active members, besides several resident members. Three of our girls graduated with the class of '86—one from the Literary and two from the Musical Department. All are, however, still with us, one holding the position of assistant in the Department of Music.

Three instructors have been added to our faculty, and some changes made in our courses of study. During the summer two of our girls were married, one from Des Moines, Iowa, the other from Denver, Col. We trust that their interest in Kappa Alpha Theta will not be lessened by the new ties and responsibilities they have assumed.

We had hoped to have a hall of our own by this time, but have found that we must wait until our financial circumstances are more favorable.

We expect to add, in a few days, several most estimable young ladies to our band. They are new students but come well recommended.

We have not as yet, planned our work for the year, but trust that whatever we do will be profitable and pleasant. We shall greet KAPPA ALPHA THETA with sincere pleasure, and mean to give it our hearty support.

Yours in K A Θ,

LOUISE CHESHIRE.

Alumnæ Letters.

TO KAPPA ALPHA THETA GREETING:

Wishing it all the success in the future that it has met with in the past. There is nothing that could take its place in keeping aglow the fire kindled first in our school days at Theta's altar.

While we could never forget our fraternity, nor the happy hours we spent while active workers beneath its banners, yet the great world is practical, and time is an iconoclast. Removed entirely from the inspiring influence of association with our sisters, interest in the society is in danger of lagging somewhat. The interests of the past are constantly being removed, and supplanted by the interests of the present. But, thanks to our journal, we are kept in a continual state of interest, nay of enthusiasm for KAPPA ALPHA THETA. And what is there better for human hearts than a common love for a common cause, when the cause is as worthy and ennobling as ours!

Then come to us, dear KAPPA ALPHA THETA, and lead our thoughts away from the cares that infest our every day life. We "old" girls like to know what the girls of to-day are doing. That our zeal for Theta may never grow less, and that our kite may soar higher and higher is the wish of

CLARA GILLHAM, '84. KAPPA.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

DEAR THETA:—In thinking of what I should write you there have come memories of a little village I chanced to visit not many months ago. It is an intensely interesting village to me, and could I make you see it as I saw it, standing as it does, in its picturesque loneliness, I believe that your interest too, would be awakened. A little west of the centre of New Mexico, twenty miles and more from a railroad, in the very heart of the *mesa* country, rises high above the surrounding valley, a mighty rock, and on its summit is Acoma, the peaceful home of two or three hundred Pueblo Indians. Well nigh impossible it seems, as we approach, that human beings could ever have chosen such an almost inaccessible spot for a dwelling place; but choose it they did, generations ago when the country was full of hostile tribes, and security from enemies was the first thought in the selection of a town site.

Our visit was on the brightest, balmiest of days, After a ride of several hours through a beautiful country, we find ourselves at the base of the rocks, and, looking up, see moving figures clad in garments of many colors. Soon a nimble footed boy makes his way down the path which looks so hazardous, and hovers near as we spread our lunch upon the sand. Then another

dweller in the city on the hill-top descends to our level and offers us his hand. His reply to our "Buenos días" is an unintelligible grunt, yet by his face and tone we know that we are welcomed and that the freedom of the city is ours. We cannot ascend by the path, Jake, our cowboy, guide tells us, but must toil through the heavy sand—the result of gradual disintegration of the rock under the powerful influence of wind and time. It is not an easy thing to do, but when accomplished we forget our weariness in the novel scenes. Women grouped about on the rocks are making pottery, and apparently are quite unconscious of the picture they are making for the strangers. Very monotonous and commonplace, no doubt, their labor seems to them. Their interest is soon awakened, they draw near, touching curiously, yet modestly, our dresses and wraps. Many a brown hand we shake; many a dark faced little papoose we pat, saying "pretty", and wishing oh, so much! that we could understand and be understood. A fine looking Indian attired in a white robe, unlocks the doors of the great stone church. In the interior the only ornamentations are a few paintings and cheap altar pieces, such as one sees in all these churches which Mexican influence and money have helped to build. Adjoining the church are numerous cells, some in ruins, others well preserved. It is not difficult to imagine something of the lives of the good Catholic fathers who endured so many hardships to better the condition of these people. The dwellings are built in blocks, are all of stone and three stories in height. On one side they have no opening except portholes; on the other are a few windows, and in the third story a door. This door is reached by means of ladders. The apartment we enter seems to be the living room. Here we are received by the mistress of the mansion who is evidently quite proud of her few pieces of furniture, her looking glass, bits of pottery and little pictures. The lower rooms are reached by means of other ladders hung through openings in the floor. Descending one of these, we find sitting upon the floor some wrinkled old men eating their dinner. They invite us to partake, but as the coffee is not the color of genuine java, nor are the eggs cooked just as we are fond of them, we content ourselves and our haste with very small bites of their queer, dry, leaf-like bread.

The men and boys go down into the valleys in the summer and cultivate a few acres of land or tend a few flocks of sheep. By this they live. Their needs are simple, their lives uneventful. Are they happy? we ask. Do they hear or imagine anything of the busy world east and west of them? Have they longings for something different, or are they given all that they are capable of enjoying? There is no answer to our questionings. The faces all around give no clue, and with a last look at the strangely fascinating little city we thoughtfully wend our way to the place where the horses have been left. Another ride over the hills and through the valleys, and at dusk we reach our pleasant little adobe, glad of the day at Acoma and with hearts full of gratitude that our lives have been cast in a less barren spot.

Girls! to one and all, to you whom I have known and loved in college, and to those who have recently donned the black and gold, I send a hearty Theta greeting. May peace and prosperity be yours. Good-by.

KATE L. RIDENOUR.

523 PLEASANT STREET, OMAHA NEB. OCT. 8, '86.

MY DEAR GIRLS:—I am at present very nicely located in the beautiful city of Omaha, and although it is in Nebraska, yet I do not feel very far removed from my dear sisters of Kappa chapter, knowing they are in the adjoining state—the one I love best—and that I am with them in thought every week. Nothing would please me more than at each meeting on Saturday afternoon to join with you in the dear old Theta songs. I recall "Juanita" as one of the last we sang, and only wish I could often bend my knee at Theta's shrine with the best girls of all. But separation always comes, and it seems now to have severed me from active membership with K. A. Θ. Yet girls I cannot realize it, for I certainly take a deep interest in everything that concerns you both individually and as a fraternity, and await the arrival of our journal with outstretched arms.

This city is one I wish you might all see, a place of 80,000, inhabitants beautifully situated in a rolling country, and, too, a city of considerable wealth, as is easily discerned from the many magnificent residences. I have driven out to Fort Omaha, three or four miles from the city, and there heard a fine band said to be the best in the state. The Fort is quite a large one, and the parade ground much nicer than I had ever seen. Another beautiful drive I have taken lies through a large natural park just out of the city. Nature has certainly done all in her power to make this a charming spot, and, girls, I wish you could see it, 'tis lovely.

I never go down town without wondering if some girl will not recognize my badge and greet me as only a Theta can. As yet I've seen but one society badge and that was worn by a Sigma Chi. Here I am not far from Theta chapter at Indianola, and some time before I leave I hope to run down and see the girls there for a day. I remember with pleasure a call we had from Grace Ellenwood a year ago last September, and should like to see her again, together with the other girls of Theta chapter.

I see by different papers received, that K. S. U. opens again with a goodly number of students, and everything points to a prosperous year. I am very glad, and feel sure the class of '87 are model seniors. May all go well with them to the end! Well, girls, you are ready for me to close. To be a writer was not my calling as you all know. Please remember that. My subscription for the coming year I have paid, but please find enclosed a small amount which may help out a little on some *rainy day*, and accept the same with my best love and wishes for your continued success in the editorship of KAPPA ALPHA THETA.

Sincerely yours,

FANNIE E. PRATT, Kappa, '87.

Personals

ALPHA.

Kate Staley went to the New England Conservatory, Boston, Sept. 7th, to pursue the study of music.

Flo Yocum spent the summer in West Virginia.

Nellie Bridges has been elected to a position in the music faculty, of De Pauw University.

Irene Martin has just returned from the North where she has been spending the summer.

Mollie White is in Chicago where she has spent a part of the summer.

May Durham class of '88, will not return to college this year.

Emma Howe lately of the music faculty of De Pauw, and a member of Alpha chapter, has been elected to a position in the faculty of Wellesly College.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Miss Grace Ward, '85, to Mr. Will Church of St. Joseph, Mich.

Ora Newcomer of '89, returns to college at De Pauw after a year's absence.

Mrs. Alma Holman Burton has returned to her home in Lincoln Neb. after a tour through Europe.

Calla Rudisill is at present making her home in Chicago.

Rose Redding, a member of the faculty of De Pauw, was married June 24th to Chas. N. Mikels of '82.

Kate Daggy has just returned from an extended visit to Miss Anna Cooper, at St. Joseph, Mich.

BETA.

Prof. and Mrs. Swaine have returned home after a years absence in Edinburgh. Scotland. The former will fill the chair of Mathematics in the I. U., the latter will take her "old place among the girls".

Mary Bonner will not return to the University this year. She will be greatly missed by her many friends and especially by Theta.

Carrie Slocumbe spent the summer with friends in Texas.

Josie Pittman spent July and August in Kentucky.

Elsie Rankin spent her vacation with relatives in Pittsburgh, Penn.

Josie Miller was prevented by sickness from returning to college at the opening of the term.

Ella and Grace Rawles visited friends at Greensburgh during the summer.

Alice Springer, '86, after paying a pleasant visit to Lou Morris at Milton, Ind. proceeded to Dublin, Ind. to take a position in the schools at that place.

Mabel Banta, '85, is teaching at Franklin this year.

Berta Bond paid the girls a visit during the opening week of college. She will teach at Centerville this year.

Bell Maxwell, '81, is taking a post graduate course.

Mattie East has moved to Indianapolis, and will not be in college. Theta will miss her very much.

Lizzie Hughes will teach in Mrs. Sewell's school at Indianapolis, this year. Florence teaches at Rockville.

Grace Woodburn, '85, has been elected principal of the New Harmony high school again this year.

Kate Miller and Temple West, '86, are pursuing post graduate studies at their homes in Rockport.

Annie B. Ford spent the winter in Florida with her mother. The health of each is much improved, and they return North this month.

Again Beta reports Kirkwood Ave. Christian Church, as the place for the wedding ceremony. This time the chief actors are Rev. Scott Stevenson and Kate Hoover. Kansas is their field of action.

Mrs. F. C. Hood, *nee* Willson, '76, returned to I. U. to attend the "ten years" reunion.

DELTA.

Madge Sudduth, '80, is spending the year in Germany.

Rilla Sikes, '86, is teaching in Decatur, Illinois.

Aine Chenowith, '86, is teaching in Elgin Illinois.

Maude Pillsbury, '86, spent the summer at lake Geneva.

Carrie Russel is in Minnesota for her health.

Allie Watson spent the summer at lake Geneva.

Lizzie Sterling is teaching school this year.

Mamie Caldwell, who was out last spring term is with us again.

Mattie Myers spent a few weeks this summer camping on the shores of Green Bay.

EPSILON.

Nellie Watterson, '84, of Cleveland, O. holds a position as tutor of Latin and Greek in the Preparatory Department of the University of Wooster.

Lenora Hanna, '85, teaches Latin, Astronomy and Elocution in Monticello Seminary, Monticello, Ill.

Carrie Pepper, '85, is teaching in Cleveland, O.

Ella Kirkland, '84, who has been principal of Monroeville high school for the past two years, will teach this year in Nebraska.

Married—July 8th 1886, Miss Grace D. Mackey and Mr. J. T. Morrison, '87. Mrs. Morrison will complete her course in music this year.

IOTA.

Mary Roberts, '80, has been elected assistant Profesof of History at Wellesly College, Mass.

Mrs. Grotecloss, '84, has been made teacher in sciences of the State Normal School of Massachusetts.

Miss Paddock, '85, Miss Snow, '88, and Mrs. Comstock, '85, spent a portion of the summer with a party of Cornellians at Madison Beach Conn.

Miss Van Dunsen, '84, Miss Warner, '87, and Miss Chamberlin, '89, passed the summer at Sia Sconcet, R. I.

Miss Colt, '88, spent the greater part of the summer with friends at Concord, Mass.

Mrs. L. A. Wait has given many friends great pleasure this summer through her many delightful yachting parties on Cayuga lake, in her beautiful little yacht, the *Olgannalice*.

Mrs. Comstock, '85, is making and engraving, the illustrations for a text-book on Etomology, which her husband, Prof. J. H. Comstock. is preparing for publication.

LAMBDA.

Miss Emma Lane, '82, was married March 25th to Mr. J. William Votey, Instructor of Civil Engineering in the University of Vermont.

Mattie Mathews, '84, attends Lambda's meetings, and shows in other ways that her interest in Kappa Alpha Theta is still great.

Ella Babbitt, '86, is teaching school in Tennessee.

Jean Christy, '86, is at her home in Brandon.

Annie Isham, '86, is teaching in Essex, Vermont.

Ella Atwater, '89, entertained the girls very pleasantly at her home, April 27th.

Lillian Sanborn is visiting friends at Sandy Hill.

Clara Colburn, '88, and Mattie Wheeler, '89, are teaching this year, and at the same time keeping up with their college work.

MU.

Mae Goff and M. E. S. Scott will teach this year, the former in Meadville High School and the latter at Forestville Free Academy. The other two graduates of '86, are at their respective homes.

Lillian Fradenburg, '88, made a flying visit to Meadville during vacation.

Mae and Ella Goff spent the summer here. Ella graduates with the class of '87, and Mae, '86, remains with us as assistant principal of our High School.

Florence Sullivan, '88, will not return. She is obliged to give up her school for the present on account of her eyes. She spent a short time in Meadville with friends.

Blanche McGough, '85, resumed her duties in the Oil City schools Monday, September 6th.

Jo Henderson, one of our charter members is back in Meadville for the winter. She is engaged on the *Chautauqua* official organ of the C. L. S. C.

Many of our girls spent several weeks at Chautauqua this summer, that place being a favorite resort with A. C. students.

NU.

Crissie Gilchrist, '85, returned from La Costilla, New Mexico, the first of June.

Katie Pratt, '86, occupies the chair of Natural Sciences at Kalamazoo Female College, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mrs. Jos. Ibach, one of Nu's charter members, visited Madison in April.

Belle Melcher, who is attending the Cincinnati College of Music, spent Commencement week with us.

Margaret Hill is at Knightstown, Indiana.

Annie Adams of Topeka, Kansas, visited Lawrence during the Interstate Oratorical Contest.

KAPPA.

Maggie Eidemiller, '81, one of our ex-editors, left Oct. 1st for an extended visit in Ohio. She will be greatly missed from the chapter meetings.

Agnes Emery, '84, is attending Bryn Mawr College near Philadelphia. She will return to Lawrence in time to take her master's degree next June.

Clara Gilham, '84, one of Kappa's charter members, visited in Lawrence during the summer and attended the National Teachers' Association at Topeka. She has resumed her work in the schools at Alton, Ill.

Hattie Dunn, '85, is at her home in Kansas City. She visited the University at the beginning of the term.

Hattie Haskell, '86, one of Theta's most enthusiastic members, is attending Wellesley College.

Josie Cook has been making a protracted visit in the East. She does not return to us this year.

Fannie Pratt made her Theta sisters a short but pleasant visit last month on her way to Omaha, Neb., where she will spend the winter.

Alice and Lizzie Pettee spent the summer at Battle Creek. Mich. They are expected to visit Lawrence soon.

Kate Merrill spent a few days with the girls before returning to her musical studies in New York.

Grace (Houghtellin) Finney, one of Kappa's charter members, left Oct. 11th for her new home in Las Vegas, N. M. where her husband, Dr. Frank Finney, takes charge of the railroad hospital.

Alice Noble of Dallas, Texas, will visit friends in Lawrence, next month.

Miss Ida Bay, a charter member of Kappa chapter, will be married on the 28th inst. to Mr. Geo. Duback, of this city. Theta will gladly welcome her.

May Webster spent the summer visiting in the East, spending most of the time at Mt. Vernon, N. Y. She returns to us very much improved in health, but will not re-enter school until next term.

Minnie Raught spent commencement week with the Thetas on her way to her new home in San Diego, Cal.

Alice Bartell came down from her home in Junction City, to help get out the Journal. She is visiting with Mary E. Wilder.

Married, June—at the home of the bride in Oskaloosa, Franc Johnson to W. J. Morse, Φ K Ψ. Though a surprise to the girls, their good wishes are none the less hearty.

Mamie Swaim will spend the winter in Washington. She maintains her interest in K A Θ.

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